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1. Soviet note protests Iranian attack on Information Office: The Soviet Charge on 18 August delivered a note to the Iranian Foreign Ministry protesting against the "provocative activities of the ruffians" who attacked the offices of the Soviet Information Office in Tehran on 13 August. The note demanded that the Iranian authorities conduct a thorough investigation, punish those responsible, and take the necessary measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

The Soviet Embassy reportedly is also insisting that the Iranian authorities, particularly the police, are not really trying to arrest and punish the guilty persons and is charging that the police were in collusion with the anti-Communist rioters who attacked the Information Office. (S S/S Tehran 761, 20 Aug; R Tehran 767, 20 Aug 52)

EASTERN EUROPE

2. Czechoslovakia minimizes departure of Legation staff from Brazil: The Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed the Brazilian Minister that its Legation staff in Rio is being moved "for technical reasons". The Czech Ministry minimized the importance of the shift. (S S/S Prague 108, 18 Aug 52)

Comment: This mass withdrawal, although unusual, does not appear to presage any rupture in Czech-Brazilian relations. Czechoslovakia continues to express political and economic interest in Latin America. As recently as 31 July the current trade agreement with Brazil was extended, and under Czech urging, Bolivia is now considering an exchange of ministers.

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Earlier this year the Ministry laid down a new personnel policy for Czech personnel abroad designed to increase political reliability and area competence. It thus appears probable that the personnel in Rio will be returned to Prague, checked for reliability, brought up to date and reassigned.

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